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Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:48 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Bishop. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Goodness and Peace. Please guide us, Your children. Unite us as Your people, I pray. Unite us as one people who, with joy, serve You and the Greater Good. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Senator Revak led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Economic Development
2020 Annual State Loan Report
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Local Boundary Commission
2020 Annual Report to the First Session of the
Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature

Report of the Alaska Minerals Commission
January 2021
in accordance with AS 44.33.431

Alaska Regional Development Organizations
Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.33.896

Department of Public Safety
Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU)
2020 Annual Drug Report
in accordance with AS 18.65.085

Department of Revenue
Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB)
Financial Condition of State Retirement Systems
in accordance with AS 37.10.220

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 15 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

State Commission for Human Rights

William Craig

Signing the report: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Shower, Hughes, Kiehl.

Report dated February 17 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

Board of Education and Early Development

Keith Hamilton

Lorri van Diest

Jeffrey Erickson

Sally Stockhausen

Signing the report: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Micciche, Begich, Hughes, Stevens.

SB 19

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Stevens, Micciche, Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and
Early Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 22

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 22 "An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge." Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Stevens, Micciche. Signing no recommendation: Senators Kiehl, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 8

The Education Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Governor to facilitate the completion of a land grant endowment to the University of Alaska. Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Stevens, Micciche, Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Education Committee

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

At Ease

State of the Judiciary Address in the Senate

The Senate stood at ease to hear the State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

President Micciche appointed Senator Stevens and Senator Gray-Jackson to escort Chief Justice Joel H. Bolger to the Senate Chamber.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Romorenzo Marasigan, announced Chief Justice Bolger's entrance to the Senate Chamber.

Chief Justice Bolger was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Micciche.

The Honorable Joel H. Bolger delivered his address. This address appears in Senate Journal Supplement No. 2.

Following his address, the Chief Justice received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Stevens and Senator Gray-Jackson.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., February 19, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Presentation:
 Alaska State School Board Report by James Fields
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees to the Board of Education and Early Development:
 - Lorri van Diest
 - Keith Hamilton
 - Sally Stockhausen
 - Jeffry Erickson
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 19 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: "National Landscape and Policy Trends in Early Literacy" by Tom Keily, Senior Policy Analyst with Education Commission of the States and Ben Erwin, Policy Researcher.
 += SB 8 PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 42 VIRTUAL AND EARLY EDUCATION, READING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

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|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| Feb 17 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Alaska Municipal League - Municipal Impacts from State Budget Actions | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| Feb 18 | Thursday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Executive Order 119 - DHSS Reorganization | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| Feb 19 | Friday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Governor's FY22 Budget Amendments | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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| Feb 18 | Thursday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| Feb 24 | Wednesday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |

JUDICIARY

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|---------------|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Feb 17 | Wednesday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| + | "History of Pandemics" by David Barton, Historian Wall Builders | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| += SB 14 | SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES | | |
| Feb 19 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| | Concerns Government's COVID Response | | |
| | "The Stand" Simone Gold, JD MD | | |
| | University of Alaska Anchorage COVID Projection Model, Epidemiologist Tom Hennessey TBA | | |
| | Consideration of Governor's Appointees: TBA | | |

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony - TBA --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 23 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 53 PERM FUND; ADVISORY VOTE
 += SJR 6 CONST. AM: PERM FUND & PFDS
 += SJR 5 CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT; BUDGET RESERVE
 += SJR 7 CONST. AM: STATE TAX; VOTER APPROVAL
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 25 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 25 STATE GOV'T FINANCES: WEBSITE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Department of Administration
 - Kelly Tshibaka, Commissioner
 - Hans Zigman
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only><TBA> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Overview:
 "Statewide Aviation & International Airports"
 by Deputy Commissioner John Binder
 + SJR 9 URGE EXEMPTION FOR CRUISE SHIPS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:30 PM**
 + Senate Budget Subcommittee Overview

CORRECTIONS

Feb 17 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
 + Department of Corrections - Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 18 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
 + Department of Corrections
 Division of Institutions Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 18 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
 FY22 Department of Education & Early Development
 Budget

Feb 25 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
 FY22 Department of Education & Early Development
 Budget

FISH & GAME

Feb 25 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:30 PM**
 + Senate Budget Subcommittee Overview

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 19	Friday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --		
Feb 22	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --		
Feb 26	Friday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --		
Mar 01	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --		
Mar 05	Friday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
	-- Agenda to be Announced --		

JUDICIARY

Feb 17	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:15 PM
+	- Alaska Judiciary Overview of Fiscal Situation, Program Requirements, Agency History, Agency Mission, & Outcomes		
	- Anticipated Alaska Judiciary Budget Request by Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director, Alaska Court System		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 23	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	FY22 Agency Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 02	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	FY22 Agency Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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LAW

- Feb 18** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:30 PM**
+ FY 2022 Budget- Civil Division; Criminal Division
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

- Feb 23** **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **7:30 AM**
+ FY 2022 Budget- Civil Division; Criminal Division
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

- Feb 25** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:30 PM**
+ FY 2022 Budget- Civil Division; Criminal Division
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Feb 18** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
FY22 Agency Budget
Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Feb 25** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
FY22 Agency Budget
Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Mar 04** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
FY22 Agency Budget
Streamed live on AKL.tv

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Feb 17** **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ FY 2022 Budget - Alaska State Troopers
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

- Feb 22** **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ FY 2022 Budget - Village Public Safety Officer
Program
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Feb 24 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ FY 2022 Budget - Violent Crimes Compensation Board
- Statewide Support / Criminal Justice Information Systems
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 17 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ - Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Operating Budget Lookback, FY22 Highlights & Comparing FY22 to FY21
+ - CARES Act Effect on FY21 & FY22 Operating Budget
+ - Division of Facilities Services - Consolidation Update

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 17 **Wednesday** **Senate Chamber** **11:00 AM**
State of the Judiciary-Address to the Legislature
The Honorable Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice
Streamed live on AKL.tv